

Quick Sheet: Apply for a Directed Announcement

Audience: Directed Announcement Applicants

Purpose

This Quick Sheet provides step-by-step instructions on how to apply to a Directed Announcement in the GrantSolutions Grants Management Module.

Steps

To apply to a Directed Announcement, follow the below steps:

- 1. In a browser such as Internet Explorer, Google Chrome, or Mozilla Firefox, go to www.grantsolutions.gov.
- 2. The "Grants Center of Excellence" screen appears. Towards the right side of the screen, click the button **Login to GrantSolutions**.



The "GrantSolutions Login" screen appears. Enter the username in the Username field and the password in the Password field.

Note: Do not copy and paste the password from the email to GrantSolutions as the password does not always copy correctly.

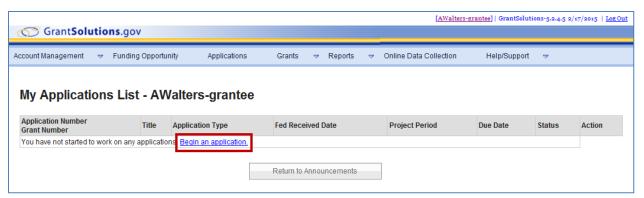


4. Click the **Login** button.



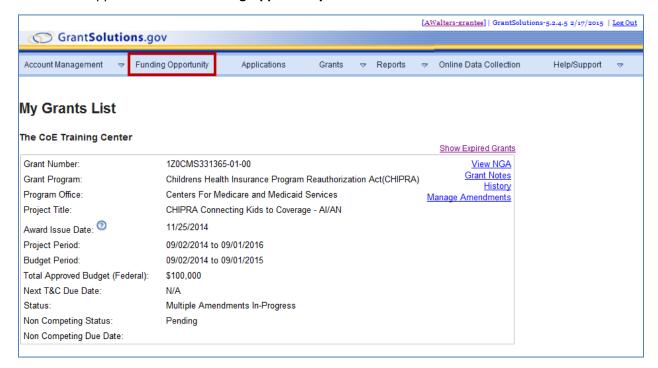
Note: The first time a user logs into GrantSolutions, they are required to change their password for security purposes.

- 5. The first screen that appears is dependent on whether or not the applicant's Organization has an existing grant in the GrantSolutions Grants Management Module (GMM).
 - When the applicant's Organization does <u>not</u> have an existing grant, the "My Applications List" appears. Click the **Begin an Application** link to locate the Directed Announcement.

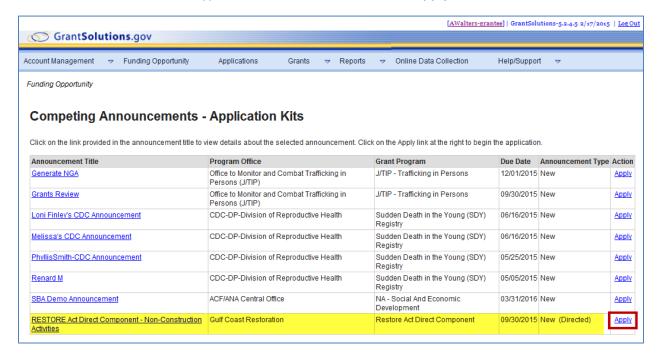




• When the applicant's Organization <u>does</u> have an existing grant, the "My Grants List" screen appears. Click the **Funding Opportunity** link to locate the Directed Announcement.

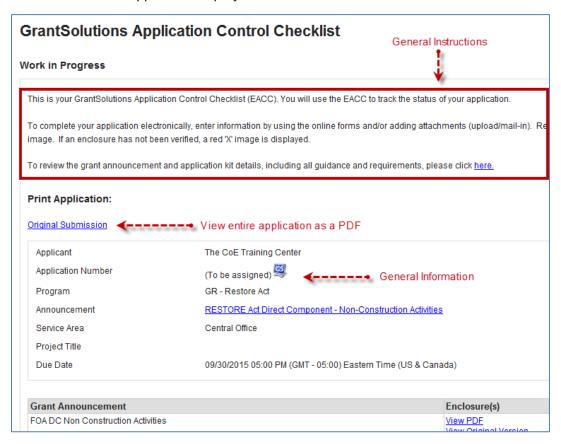


6. The "Competing Announcements – Application Kits" screen appears. Locate the Announcement Title (Announcement Type is *New (Directed)*) and click the **Apply** link from the *Action* column.





- 7. The "GrantSolutions Application Control Checklist" screen appears with the status *Work in Progress*.
- 8. The checklist screen contains the following information:
 - Status: The stage of the application. Statuses include Work in Progress and Submitted
 - **Print Application Original Submission**: Click the *Original Submission* link to view, print, or save a PDF of the entire application package (completed forms, attachments, etc.)
 - Applicant, Applicant Number, and Project Information: Read-only information about the applicant and project





• Application Kit: Includes online forms, enclosures, attachments, and form statuses

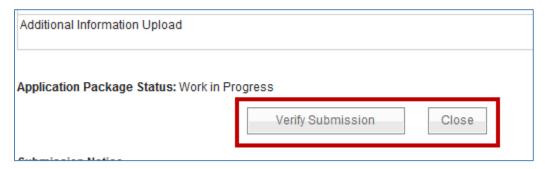
Grant Announcement	Enclosure(s)	Attachment(s)	Status
FOA DC Non Construction Activities	View PDF View Original Version	N/A	
Information for the Applicant	Enclosure(s)	Attachment(s)	Status
Direct Component Guidance_August 2014	View PDF View Original Version	N/A	ш
Online Forms	Enclosure(s)	Attachment(s)	Status
SF-424 Application for Federal Assistance Version 2	Enter Online	N/A	<u> </u>
SF-424A Budget Information - Non-Construction Complete online forms	Enter Online	N/A	<u> </u>
SF-424B Assurances - Non-Construction	Enter Online	N/A	<u> </u>
SF-LLL Disclosure of Lobbying Activities	Enter Online	N/A	<u> </u>
Additional Information to be Submitted	Enclosure(s)	Attachment(s)	Status
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The table below details the different statuses and their descriptions.

Status Icon	Description
✓	In progress or completed. Each item in the kit should have a green check mark before submitting the application. Please note that a green check mark does not mean the information is correct, just that it has been entered or attached.
<u> </u>	It is recommended that you complete this item.
	Not started (optional).
X	The enclosure has not been validated (Incomplete).



- Verify Submission: Submit application
- Close: Return to previous screen



Note: Click **Close** at the bottom of the screen to return to the "My Applications List" screen. Since the application is a Work in Progress, it can be opened and edited by selecting **Applications** from the menu bar and then clicking the **Open** link. The application can be edited until it is in the Submitted status.

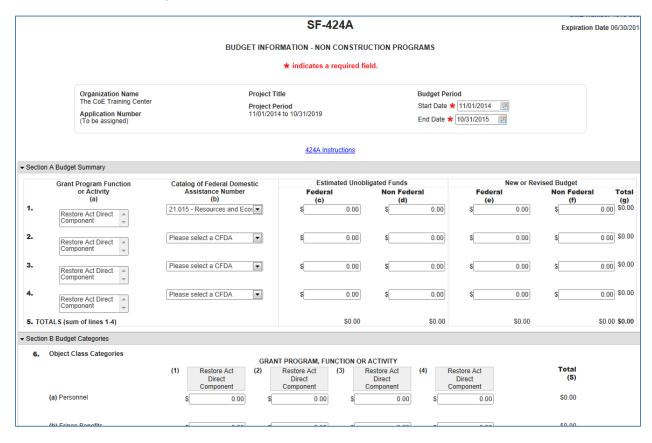
9. To electronically complete a form in GrantSolutions, click the **Enter Online** link for the desired form (i.e. 424A).



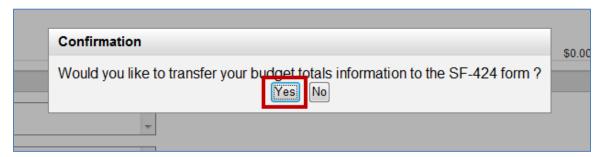
10. The online form opens. Enter all data. When entering dollar amounts, do not use the dollar sign (\$) or commas.



11. Enter all necessary information. When completing the 424A, please be aware that the total in Section B must equal the total in Section A.



- 12. Upon completing the form, scroll to the bottom of the screen click the Save button.
- 13. If the "Would you like to transfer your budget totals information to the SF-424 form" message appears, click **Yes**.

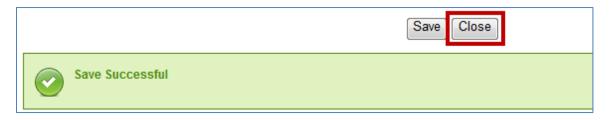


14. If there are no errors, the Save Successful message appears at the bottom of the screen.

Note: If there are problems, an error icon (red circle with white exclamation point) uppears next to the cells that need corrections. To view the error text, point to the error icon with the mouse. Make change and then click the Save button again.



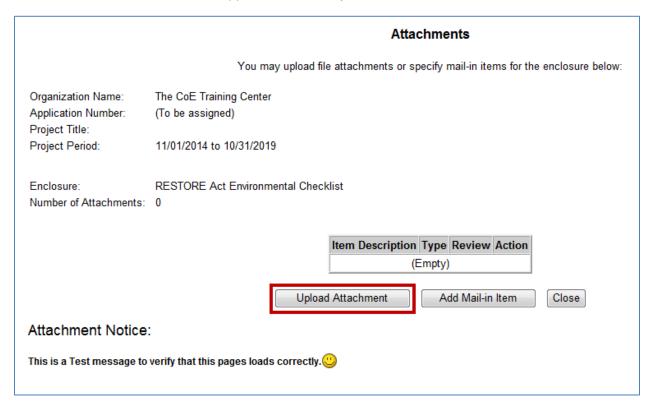
15. Click the Close button.



16. Complete additional forms and attach any necessary files. To attach a file, click the **Uploaded Files** link from the *Attachments* column.

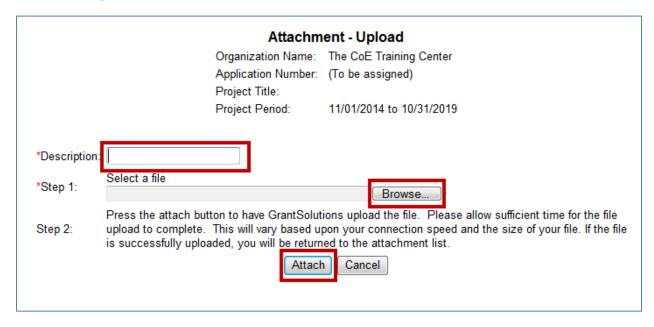
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17. The "Attachments" screen appears. Click the **Upload Attachment** button.

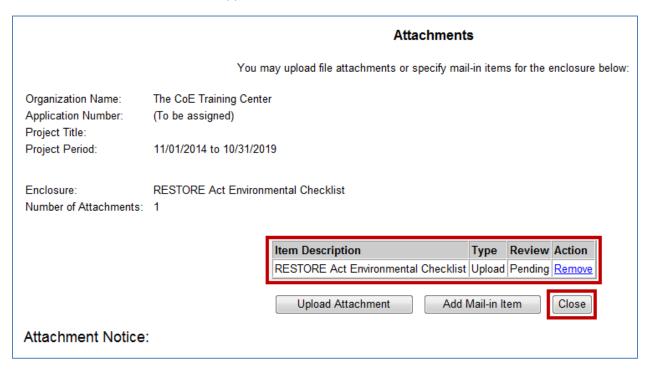




18. The "Attachment – Upload screen appears in a new window. Enter a file description in the **Description** field, **Browse** for a file to attach, and click the **Attach** button.



19. The "Attachments" screen appears and the attachment is visible. Click the Close button.

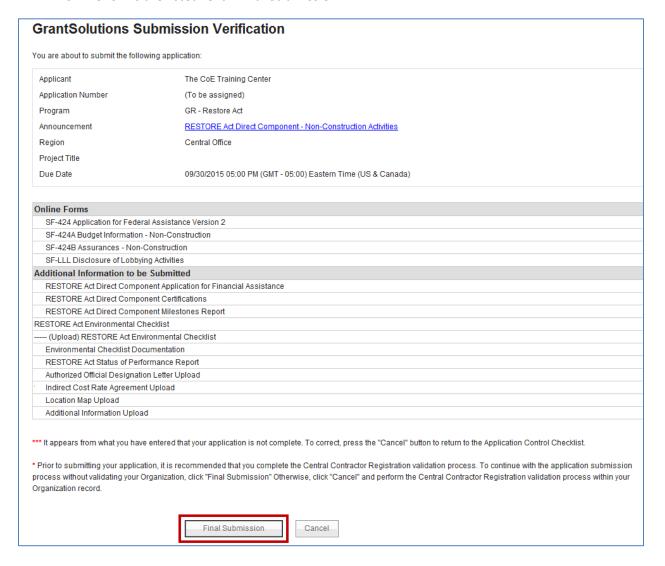




20. The "GrantSolutions Application Control Checklist" screen appears. Once all necessary forms are completed, attachments are uploaded, and there is one or more check mark in the *Status* column, scroll to the bottom of the screen and click the **Verify Submission** button.

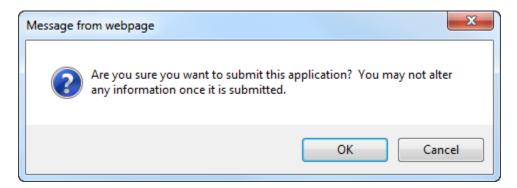


21. The "GrantSolutions Submission Verification" screen appears. Review the page to ensure all online forms are listed. Click **Final Submission**.

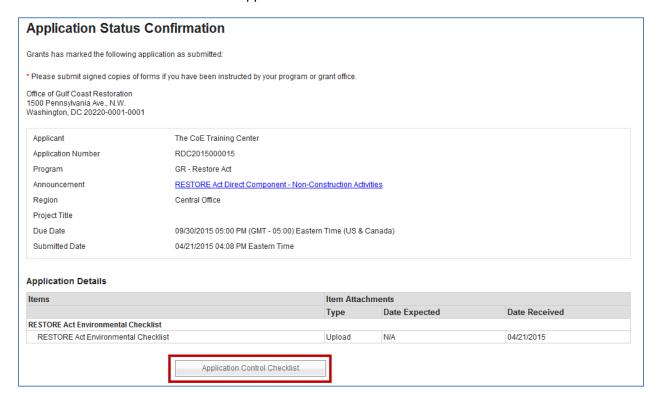




22. The "Are you sure you want to submit this application? You may not alter any information once it is submitted." message displays. Click Cancel to return to the previous screen or click OK to continue.



23. The "Application Status Confirmation" screen appears and the grantor receives email notification that the application is submitted. Click the **Application Control Checklist** button to return to the now submitted application.





24. The "GrantSolutions Application Control Checklist" screen appears. Scroll to the bottom of the screen and click the **Close** button.



25. The "My Applications – List" screen appears and the application is in the Submitted status.

